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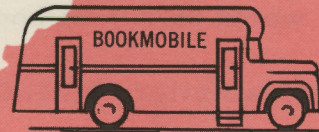
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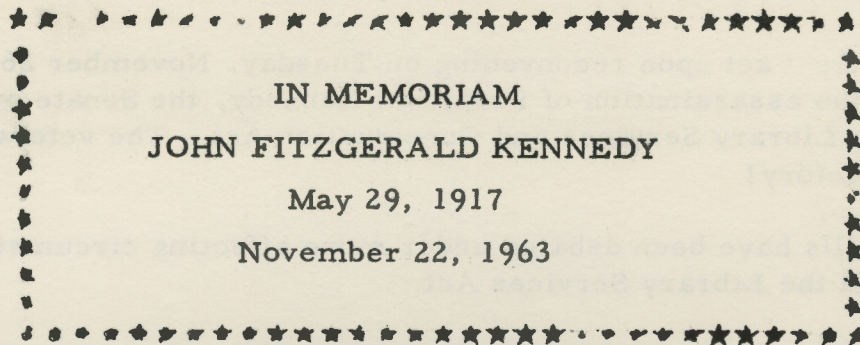
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TRIBUTE OF ALA PRESIDENT

The following statement was issued by Dr. Frederick H. Wagman, president of the American Library Association, on learning of the death of President Kennedy:

"The President of the United States has just given his life for his country.

"We the members of the Executive Board of the American Library Association, in session at the time of his assassination, are shocked and deeply saddened by this cruel news. Our sense of loss is profound.

"President John F. Kennedy was a courageous leader of his people. He also highly valued all that books and libraries mean in our society.

"We call upon all librarians to honor our dead President by renewed devotion to our common cause, the strengthening of all our democratic institutions, and resistance to all forces that place in jeopardy our freedoms and those of all our fellow citizens."

"OF BOOKS AND MEN AND LEARNING"

President Kennedy attended the recent ground-breaking ceremonies for a \$3.5 million library named after Robert Frost at Amherst College, where he and Archibald MacLeish, poet and playwright, received honorary doctor of laws degrees. In his address, Mr. MacLeish praised the President stating: "The people of this countryside may forget what anyone says on this occasion, but they will remember that a young, gallant President, with the weight of history heavy upon his shoulders, found time to come to our small corner of the world to talk of books and men and learning."

———Newsletter, Massachusetts, Division of Library Extension, V.6, No.10

THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT PASSES THE SENATE

In its first act upon reconvening on Tuesday, November 26, after the stunning weekend of the assassination of President Kennedy, the Senate overwhelmingly approved S. 2265, the Library Services and Construction Act. The vote was 89-7, a resounding bipartisan victory!

Few bills have been debated under more affecting circumstances than the Senate bill to amend the Library Services Act.

The debate began on the fateful day of Friday, November 22. Shortly after 1 p.m. Senator Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), sponsor and floor manager of the bill, made the introductory speech, followed by affirmations of support representing an encouraging cross-section of parties, viewpoints and regions. Senator Olin Johnston (D., S. C.), Senator Frank Carlson (R., Kansas), Senator Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.), Senator Harrison Williams (D., N. J.), and Senator Joseph Clark (D., Pa.) expressed their firm approval of the bill. It was in the midst of the supporting speech by the ranking Republican member of the Education Subcommittee, Senator Winston Prouty of Vermont, that an unusual clustering of Senators around the Clerk's desk became perceptible and floor debate was interrupted for "an emergency." Eventually the exact horror of this emergency became known to those of us in the Senate gallery and to the world.

On resumption of Senate business on Tuesday, the Library Services and Construction Act was the first bill taken up.

The debate was brief, lasting for one hour only. In that concentrated period of time several minor technical amendments and one major amendment were proposed and approved.

Senator John G. Tower (R., Tex.) was the lone spokesman for the opposition. Other Senators who joined him in voting against the bill were: Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), F. L. Mechem (R., New Mexico), Milward L. Simpson (R., Wyoming), Carl T. Curtis (R., Nebraska), Roman L. Hruska (R., Nebraska), and Strom Thurmond (D., So. Carolina).

Thanks Are in Order

Needless to say, all Senators who supported the bill should be thanked promptly by their constituents.

And Still the House to Go

H. R. 4879, the House version of the Library Services and Construction Act, remains pending before the House Rules Committee. Now is the time for every librarian and friend of libraries to capitalize on the successful action taken by the Senate and to urge immediate and favorable action on the bill by the House of Representatives.

—————ALA Washington Newsletter, Vo. 15, No. 16.

COLLETON COUNTY RECEIVES AWARD

The Colleton County Memorial Library is one of 35 winners of a \$1,000 Book-of-the-Month Club Library Award in memory of Dorothy Canfield Fisher. This is the sixth annual award to small public libraries which have made outstanding efforts to improve service.

The 1964 main award of \$5,000, which the Beaufort County Library won in 1963, will be announced in January. In addition there are nine Honorable Mention \$1,500 award winners.

The Public Library Association of the American Library Association established the criteria for the awards and selected the winners from applications approved by state library extension agencies.

The awards will be presented during National Library Week, April 12-18, 1964.

In notifying C. Moye Padgett, chairman of the Colleton County Library Board, Harry Scherman, chairman of the board, Book-of-the-Month Club, said: "The Board of Directors and the Executive Staff of the Club join me in extending our warmest congratulations to the Colleton County Memorial Library."

Other South Carolina libraries winning \$1,000 awards were Oconee County Library, 1962, and Greenwood City and County Library, 1961.

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Margie Herron, who is attending Rutgers Graduate School of Library Science on a State Library Board scholarship, gives a glowing account of her first six weeks there. Miss Herron worked as a junior intern in the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library which is sponsoring her scholarship.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF VISIT OUT-OF-STATE

Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library Board, attended the third assembly on the Library Functions of the States in Washington, November 12-15. The sessions were concerned with Standards for the Library Functions of the States, Responsibilities and Functions of Archival Agencies, Law Libraries, and State Library Extension Agencies for Public and School Library Services. The relationship between the National Archives and the States was discussed, and reports on current legislation were heard.

Four members of the staff of the State Library Board visited the headquarters of the Division of Library Extension, Maryland Department of Education, Baltimore, and Maryland County and Regional Libraries during the week of November 18. Nancy Blair, Field Service Librarian, Charles Busha, Reference Consultant, Betty E. Callaham, Adult Consultant, and Norma Lightsey, Professional Assistant, were accompanied by Carrie Gene Ashley, Head of Adult Services, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library.

Mr. Busha also visited the Newark Public Library and its Business Reference Branch in Newark, N. J.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I have a bone to pick with you and the other featherheads who have been telling us that this new Certification Program is going to help us get better librarians. Like heck it is! Two years ago when the Certification Program was fresh off the press, our head librarian retired. We immediately began to look for a successor. We advertised, wrote library schools, and did all the usual things. The first person who replied to our advertisement met all of the certification requirements. She was a graduate of one of the outstanding library schools, had experience in four of the leading libraries on the Eastern seaboard, looked like a million, and talked with a charm of a siren. In fact, her interview was not over before the board was unanimous in its decision to employ her immediately for fear that this treasure would be snapped up by some other library. We did not even wait to write for references. Now after two disastrous years of her administration, we can count among our losses a new headquarters library building so poorly planned as to require twice the staff that we can afford to employ, the loss of the confidence of the county delegation, and the active enmity of the newspapers; a staff at daggerspoint with each other, with the librarian, and with the board, and daily complaints from the public about the service. If you have anything to say in defense of the Certification Program, I want to hear it.

Ben Taken

Dear Ben:

You should not have been in such a hurry to saw off the limb on which you were comfortably sitting. Don't blame your local disaster on the Certification Program. When you did not check those references, you were asking for trouble and you got it. Graduation from an accredited library school and service even in the best public libraries in the country is no guarantee of good performance. Every library school gets an occasional dud whose complete failure as a librarian may not show up until after employment. If you check references, you will get an honest evaluation, but when you fail to check the references, you can expect to take the consequences. To be doubly safe, it should have been a good idea for you to have asked your state extension agency to check with the state extension agency in the state from which the applicant came. If there were something really wrong, it would have turned up on this inquiry. Unless you are man enough to fire the librarian now, you are in for more trouble getting rid of her, for every library which writes to you for references will have to have your honest opinion of her ability to do a job, and from what you tell me, I do not think you can give the other library much encouragement to employ her. Don't make the Certification Program your scape goat; your failure to check references gave you the initial problem and the foundation on which all the rest have pyramided.

Ann

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

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Mrs. Nell S. Graydon spoke on her new book, Tales of Beaufort, at the Barnwell County Library on November 25.

Mrs. Walter Ivey, formerly assistant librarian in charge of the Adult Department of the Sumter County Library, has succeeded Mrs. David Geer as head of the Children's Department. Mrs. Geer has moved to Greenville.

Marjorie Kapp, has joined the staff of the Sumter Library. After a training period Miss Kapp will work in the Adult Department.

DONATIONS

The Greenwood Kiwanis Club, which in 1928 contributed toward the establishment of the first Children's Department of the Greenwood Library and which has made substantial contributions in the intervening years, has presented three oil paintings to the Children's Room of the Greenwood City and County Public Library. Mrs. George Mel-drum, local artist, painted the pictures: Hansel and Gretel, Old King Cole, and Black Beauty.

SOUTH CAROLINIANA

Montgomery, Mabel. South Carolina's Wil Lou Gray. C. L. Magalis, The Vogue Press, 1223 Franklin Street, Columbia, S. C. \$3.35 (sales tax and postage included).

Graydon, Nell S. Tales of Beaufort. Beaufort Book Shop, Beaufort, S. C. \$5.95.

Verner, Elizabeth O'Neill. The Stonewall Ladies. R. L. Bryan Company, Columbia, S. C. \$3.50.

Martin, Margaret R. Charleston Ghosts. University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, S. C. \$3.50.

T. J. Kirkland and Robert M. Kennedy. Historic Camden, V. 1, State Printing Company, \$12.00. Order from: Kershaw County Historical Society, 1709 Fair Street, Camden, S. C.

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